

GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS BY PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDIES

The Research Proposal should be in the form of a report in Harvard or an acceptable reference format and should not exceed 2000 words.

1. **Tentative title** (*The exact title can be finalised at least 3 months prior to the submission of the thesis*)
2. **Statement of the problem**
3. **Rationale of the study**
4. **Objectives of the study**
5. **Brief Literature Review**
6. **Methodology**
7. **Expected Output**
8. **Research plan (Time Frame)/Activity (Gantt) Chart***
9. **Cost of Research Work***
 - (a) (i) Literature
 - (ii) Equipment/Consumables
Specific instruments, chemicals, etc.
 - (iii) Surveys/data collection/experiments/fieldwork
 - (iv) Others (please specify)
10. **Special requirements for the project**
(Ethical clearance, Import permit, storage, health, safety & security hazards, etc.)
11. **Give the name(s) of the main/co-supervisors/associate supervisor**
12. **Brief CVs of potential Supervisor(s) to be submitted**

**Both the research plan (8) and cost of research work (9) should be submitted according to the minimum time-frame for the degree.*

